IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Anthony C. Vrba et al. Filed : February 26, 2002

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Examiner : Szmal, Brian Scott

Title : ARTICULATING GUIDE WIRE FOR EMBOLIC

PROTECTION AND METHODS OF USE

Docket No. : 1001.1541101

Customer No. : 28075

AMENDMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 CFR §1.111

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

JoAnn Lindman

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed February 10, 2006.

This paper is filed within the set period for response such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please consider the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.